

MEETING OF
THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, May 18, 2011, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman	Ed Kee, Secretary of Agriculture
William Vanderwende, Vice Chairman	Lisa Embert, representing Chip Flowers, Jr., State Treasurer
L. Allen Messick, Jr., Treasurer	Michael Valenti, representing Steven Ditmer
William "Chip" Narvel, Jr., Secretary	Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.
Robert L. Emerson.	

Absent: Kevin Coyle.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Scott Blaier, Cathy Mesick, Kathi Spangler, and Robin West.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski, Esq., and Austin Short, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. with prayer.

I. Current Situation Report:

Robin West informed the Board that we have a total of 1,090 farms in preservation districts totaling 155,635 acres, with a total of 639 farms under agricultural easements totaling 100,115 acres at a cost of \$178,222,158. For PDR 16, there are a total of 42 farms, comprising 3,871 acres, with a value of \$40,155,000. For PDR 17, there are a total of 13 farms, comprising 963 acres, with a value of \$9,796,000. For the Forestland Preservation Program there are 40 Forestland Preservation Areas comprising 2,878 acres. For the Forestland Preservation Area Easements, there are a total of 9 properties, comprising 872 acres, with a value of \$1,450,804.

II. Monitoring Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that all non Federal properties will be visited by July 2011. The total number of visits planned in 2011 is 484.

III. Expansion Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Bartsch Expansion of the Van Dyke District, ID#N-10-12-129F. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Bartsch Expansion of the Van Dyke District, seconded by Ed Kee. Motion unanimously approved.**

2. M & L Expansion of the Isaacs #3 Reed-Jensen District, ID#S-10-12-156G. After discussion, **Chip Narvel, Jr. moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the M & L Expansion of the Isaacs #3 Reed-Jensen District, seconded by Robert Emerson. Motion unanimously approved.**

IV. Secretary of Agriculture's Veto – Secretary Ed Kee waived the right of veto for the above Expansions.

V. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

VI. Minutes:

Chairman Garey asked if there were any comments or changes to the April 20, 2011, minutes. Hearing none, the

Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Allen Messick, Jr. moved to approve the April minutes, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

VII. Financial Highlights:

Howard Mesick presented the Financial Statement for the month of April 2011, informing the Foundation Board that we had, as of April 30, 2011, \$256,689.62 in the Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account. We received \$315.00 license plate income and \$15.22 in rollback taxes from Sussex County. Expenditures for the month of April totaled \$35,610.99. After discussion, **Chip Narvel, Jr. moved to accept the April financial statement as presented, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

VIII. Executive Session – There was no need for an executive session.

Mr. Parkowski did feel the need to mention that there was a sign violation at our property, the Wilson Farm, which is being taken care of. Sussex County sent the Foundation a letter notifying us about the violation and our staff has contacted both the County and our tenant.

Secretary Kee mentioned that an out-of-State ad would be run advertising Mike McGrath's current position. Secretary Kee also mentioned that Austin Short would be handling the Young Farmers program.

IX. Other Business: There was no other business to be brought before the Board.

X. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on June 15, 2011 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Garey
Chairman